under the laws, from water rights and privileges, while it bestows upon the said corporation the power to erect saw mills, and other mills and manufacturing establishments on lands of which the owners have thus been deprived unjustly and without precedent, for the benefit of a wealthy private corporation.

And they further protest against the said bill, because the booms to be erected will be an obstruction to commerce and navigation.

And because it will destroy the rights of fishing and gun-

ning.

And because it is a private monopoly, extending for a distance of twenty miles on the waters of said river and bay, which are and ought to be the common property of all.

And because it is in many other respects unjust and

hurtful.

And because the usual and ordinary appeal to a jury of the country is taken away from the citizens and landholders, and given to a mere jury of inquisition presided over by no judge learned in the law.

And this their protest they sign this 18th day of March,

1867.

G. P. WHITAKER, ALEX'R EVANS, JOSEPH GOLIBART, $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{M}$. LINDSEY, N. H. NELSON, SAM'L W. WHITEFORD. JOSHUA WILSON, JAS. C. CLARKE, JOHN T. FORD, S. T. SHIPLEY, DANIEL. W. CAMERON, WM. A. BRYDON, P. DAVIS, EDWARD LEEDS KERR, GEO. A. COLEMAN, GEO. W. PARSONS, \mathbf{W} . G. GORDY, GEO. R. DENNIS.

Which was read and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

The Speaker laid before the House the protest of R. A.

McAllister, against the passage of a law incorporating an

Asylum for Deaf Mutes;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Bruce,